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# **EPA's National Bed Bug Summit**

## **April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### **Agenda**

Sheraton Crystal City Hotel  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22202  
[www.sheraton.com/crystalcity](http://www.sheraton.com/crystalcity)

#### **Meeting Goals and Objectives:**

- Share information on topics including the expanding effect of bed bugs on the housing, hospitality, and other industries/sectors; the scope and extent of the problem; factors contributing to the growing problem; current detection and control tools; the response of public health and government; and future prospects for control methods and tools.
- Provide a venue to communicate with others in the diverse community affected by the growing bed bug problem.
- Identify ideas and options for bed bug prevention, control, management, and strategies for outreach and education.
- Develop recommendations for action for participating and affected stakeholders.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

- Government agencies which manage housing, regulate pest management, protect public health
- Industry sectors affected by bedbugs, such as housing, hospitality, furniture rental, health care, assisted living
- Pest management industry, including companies and/or individuals who perform bed bug inspections or treatment, and manufacturers of chemicals and other treatment technologies
- Academics, IPM practitioners, extension officials

*This Summit is being held under the auspices of EPA's Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee.*

# Agenda

## Tuesday, April 14, 2009 – Day 1

9:00 a.m.      **Welcome, Stakeholder Introduction, and Agenda and Process Review**

Jeff Blair, Facilitator  
Lois Rossi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Bonnie Rabe, New Mexico Department of Agriculture  
Saul Hernandez, for Congressman G.K. Butterfield  
The Honorable Joan Quigley, New Jersey General Assembly  
Bob Rosenberg, National Pest Management Association

9:30 a.m.      **Bed Bug Perspectives**

**Bed bug basics – why they are a problem now?**

Harold Harlan, Armed Forces Pest Management Board  
Dini Miller, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Bill Brogdon, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases

**Impacts of bed bug infestations on public and private housing**

Tom Neltner, National Center for Healthy Housing  
Conor Fennessy, New Jersey Apartment Association,  
on behalf of the National Apartment Association

10:30 a.m.      **Current Control Methods and Challenges**

Rick Cooper, Cooper Pest Solutions  
Mike Potter, University of Kentucky  
Greg Baumann, National Pest Management Association

11:00 a.m.      **Break**

11:10 a.m.      **How Public Health Agencies View Bed Bug Infestations**

Mike Herring, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Camille Jones, Cincinnati Health Department  
Sharon Heath, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Sarah Norman, Baltimore City Health Department

11:50 a.m.      **Government Response to Bed Bugs**

Lois Rossi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Kevin Sweeney, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Leroy Ferguson, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development  
Steve Dwinell, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Matt Beal, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture

12:30 p.m.      **Lunch** (on own)

2:00 p.m. **Reassemble for Clarifying Questions, Group Discussion, and Workgroup Instructions (Facilitated)**

2:30 p.m. **Workgroups**

**Tasks:**

- Identify most significant factors contributing to the problem
- Identify and discuss options and solutions
- Identify workgroup recommendations

**Major Topics to Consider:**

- Research
- Role of Government (all levels)
- Consumer Education and Communication
- PCO Education and Training
- Role of Property Owners & Property Managers

5:00 p.m. **Reassemble – Questions and Instructions for Day 2 (Facilitated)**

5:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

6:00 p.m. **Adjourn Day One**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009 – Day 2**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Agenda Review**

9:15 a.m. **Reports of Workgroups (Facilitated) – Workgroups to share discussion points with all participants**

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Compilation of Summit Recommendations (Facilitated)**

11:30 a.m. **Summary of Meeting and Next Steps**

12:00 p.m. **Public Comment**

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn Meeting**